

HOUSE RESOLUTION 349

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A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Hershel Ray Wilson of Alpine.

WHEREAS, the members of this legislative body were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Hershel Ray Wilson; and

WHEREAS, Hershel Wilson was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, born in Hanging Limb on March 8, 1931, Mr. Wilson was the son of Joe P. and Cora Lee Hoover Wilson; he attended Hanging Limb Elementary School and was a 1950 graduate of Rickman High School. He then worked at the Packard Motor Company in Michigan for one year before returning home to attend Tennessee Polytechnic Institute, from which he received his Bachelor of Science degree in Education in 1955; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Wilson honorably served his country as a member of the United States Army from 1955 until 1957; and

WHEREAS, an educator for nine years, Hershel Wilson taught at Vines Ridge, Hanging Limb, Shiloh, and Alpine schools; and

WHEREAS, an accomplished professional, Mr. Wilson served with acumen and alacrity as an employee of Union Bank and Trust for thirty-eight years until his retirement; and

WHEREAS, a man dedicated to public service, Hershel Wilson served as an Overton County Election Commissioner for fifteen years, a position which he held until his passing; and

WHEREAS, Hershel Wilson was also deeply devoted to his family, and he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, Hershel Wilson enjoyed the loving companionship of his wife of sixty years, Georgia Lee Key Wilson, and was the proud father of Dester Wilson and Gail Norrod; he was

the devoted grandfather of Shauna Hargis, Emily McLerran, Joshua Wilson, Caleb Wilson, Cora Wilson, and Aaron Wilson and the treasured great-grandfather of Wade Hargis; and

WHEREAS, Hershel Wilson is lovingly remembered by his sisters, Genata Looper and Myma Miller, and a host of nieces, nephews, family, and friends; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Wilson was preceded in death by his parents and his brothers, George Wilson, Emerson "Red" Wilson, Lesley "Leck" Wilson, Dester Wilson, and Othel "Dobe" Wilson; and

WHEREAS, Hershel Wilson leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this legislative body should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we honor the memory of Hershel Ray Wilson, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mr. Wilson.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.